

Town of Halifax Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes: June 8th, 2020

At 1pm on Zoom!

Attendees: Candace Kniffen, Jeanne Kling, Nancy Botelho, Greg Cowan, Amy L. Troup, Kristen Lofstrom, Adrienne McDougall, Anna Lofstrom, Michelle Barclay, Adrian Barclay

MOTION: by Candy, seconded by Greg, the Committee voted to rescind the vote of February 10, 2020 which authorized the expenditure of the remaining funds in the FY '20 Expense Budget for t-shirts for Clean-Up Day. Unanimous vote. (note: approximately \$43.00 are remaining). Email vote was done in April to approve the use of remaining Expense Budget funds for the planters.

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Greg, the Committee voted to reimburse Jeanne Kling in the amount of \$136.00 for plants for the plant containers at Town Hall, the Library, and the Council on Aging Entrance.

Talked about an account for Beautification Committee Donations that would be separate from our town budget account and also separate from the Margaret Fitzgerald Memorial Garden Account. Jeanne will speak to Sandy Nolan, Town Accountant.

C-mac Sign: all set at the island intersection of Rt. 58 and 106.

Jeanne gave an update on who was adopting and maintaining the planters around the town

Jeanne will ask Sandy for the exact balance of the Beautification accounts

Plastic Bags- due to COVID, Gov Baker has suspended all local plastic bag bans in MA. CN Smith has been allowing reusable bags to be used if the customer will bag their purchases. Candy offered to get an update to find out about the future plan with regard to plastic bags and reusable bags being allowed again.

Clean up Day—Jeanne is working on registration forms similar to forms that Keep MA Beautiful uses. Motion for a Tentative Date for the Clean-up day this fall- unanimously approved the motion to tentatively set the date of October 3rd, 2020 to coincide with “The Great MA Cleanup” clean up day with Keep Massachusetts Beautiful.

Jeanne told us of receiving 13 Clean up kits from Keep Massachusetts Beautiful!!! She is keeping them at her home with the Beautification Committees supplies!

End of June 2020 terms are up discussion. Candy announced she will be leaving the board but around to volunteer. Greg Cowan is moving to Plymouth so therefore cannot stay on the board, however, will come back to help us with clean up days and such! Jeanne, Amy and Nancy will stay on the committee. Adrian Barclay and Kristen Lofstrom are interested in filling the

openings now. Adrienne McDougall and Michelle Barclay may be interested in joining the Committee if the article to increase the committee passes at the Town Meeting.

Warrant - There is an article to amend the amount members from the current 5 to 7 members. It will raise the quorum from 3 to 4. Talent Bank Forms and the members in our presence today are all showing their desire to join us and/or volunteer!

Composters are at the recycling center for roughly \$40 +/-

Rain Barrels!!!! Thank you Nancy!!!!!! Nancy offered to look into selling rain barrels at the time of the Fall Clean Up Day.

NEXT MEETING DATES SCHEDULED:

August 24th 2020 at 1pm

September 14th 2020 at 1pm

*On the next Agenda: Certificate for Shirley Graff for her unbelievable picking up of NIPS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! She has been nominated for Litter Buster of the Year for Keep MA Beautiful. Jeanne mentioned that there is also a person in Gardner, MA who picks up thousands of nips and a liquor store there paid 5 cents each for people to return nip bottles for one day.

Motion to adjourn by Amy and 2nd by Nancy

All in favor!!!!!!